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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action mailed **June 12, 2008** and sustained in the Advisory Action of **September 26, 2008**, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in light of the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.